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SUBJECT: NORDIC AND US PROPOSALS ON UN PEACEKEEPING

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1. IN HIS REPORT TO CONGRESS ON UN REFORM (MARCH 2, 1978) THE PRESIDENT PROPOSED THE STRENGTHENING OF UN PEACEKEEPING CAPABILITIES. OUR VIEWS ON HOW THIS MIGHT BEST BE DONE WERE SUBSEQUENTLY CONTAINED IN THE US RESPONSE TO GA RESOLUTION 32/106 (TEXT OF RESPONSE IS CONTAINED IN PARA 3 REFTEL).

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2. IN CONSIDERING FURTHER HOW BEST TO PURSUE OUR OBJECTIVES ON PEACEKEEPING, WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT NORDIC GOVERNMENTS MIGHT WELL SERVE AS PARTNERS IN THE EFFORT, AND PERHAPS MIGHT EVEN BE WILLING TO TAKE THE LEAD. NORDICS HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF OUTSTANDING SUPPORT FOR UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. MOREOVER, THEY HAVE MADE PARTICIPATION IN PEACEKEEPING AN ELEMENT OF TRAINING IN

THEIR ARMED FORCES AND HAVE EXPERIENCE IN CONSIDERING THE PROFESSIONAL MILITARY PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN PEACEKEEPING. JOINT NORDIC COMMITTEE FOR MILITARY UN MATTERS

WILL BE MEETING SOON. THE MATTER MAY ALSO BE ON THE AGENDA OF NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN STOCKHOLM, AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 1, WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERING UNGA ISSUES, AMONG OTHERS.

3. ACCORDINGLY, ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD APPROACH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND DRAW UPON FOLLOWING:

-- WE ARE CONSIDERING HOW MOST EFFECTIVELY TO PURSUE THE STRENGTHENING OF UN PEACEKEEPING CAPABILITY. PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ENDORSED SUCH AN EFFORT. ON THAT BASIS, WE HAVE ELABORATED SOME OF OUR VIEWS IN A RESPONSE TO GA RESOLUTION 32/106 (HERE YOU MIGHT WISH TO PROVIDE THE TEXT OF PARA 3 REFTEL).

-- WE WOULD WELCOME NORDIC VIEW ON PROSPECTS FOR STRENGTHENING UN PEACEKEEPING CAPABILITIES. WE HAVE AN OPEN MIND ON HOW THIS OBJECTIVE MIGHT BEST BE ACHIEVED AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE NORDIC GOVERNMENTS HAVE SPECIAL CAPABILITY, CREDIBILITY AND EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA.

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-- FOR THOSE REASONS, AND OUT OF CONVICTION THAT UN PEACEKEEPING IS INDISPENSABLE IN DEALING WITH A VARIETY OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, WE WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY OF DISCUSSING OUR PROPOSALS AND ANY OTHER IDEAS WHICH THE NORDIC GOVERNMENTS MIGHT HAVE IN THIS AREA. WE ARE PREPARED, FOR EXAMPLE, TO COOPERATE AND COORDINATE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM WHICH WOULD MAKE UN PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES MORE EFFICIENT AND RESPONSIVE. WE WOULD HAVE IN MIND ADVANCING SUCH IDEAS AT THE FORTHCOMING GA.

-- WE HOPE THAT THE NORDIC COMMITTEE ON UN MATTERS MIGHT BE ABLE TO CONSIDER SOME OF OUR IDEAS AND OUR OFFER OF COOPERATION AND THAT THE NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MIGHT DO THE SAME WHEN THEY MEET AT THE END OF AUGUST.

-- WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL AT ANY TIME SUITABLE TO THE NORDIC GOVERNMENTS.

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